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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application filed herewith, entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

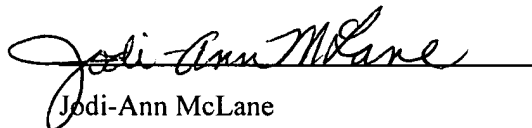
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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